

LOCAL MATTERS.

Almanac for Baltimore—This Day.
 Sun rises..... 5:25 A.M. EVENING.
 Sun sets..... 5:41 Moon rises..... 8:00
 High Water, Baltimore, October 29, 1878.—Time 4:30
 A.M., height 1 ft. 6 in.; 4:33 P.M., height 1 ft. 4 in.

U. S. SIGNAL SERVICE MIDNIGHT REPORT.
 Observations Taken at 11:03 P.M., Baltimore Time,
 October 29, 1878.

| STATION. | WIND. | | WEATHER. | SEA SWELL. |
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| | DIRECTION. | VELOC. | | |
| Cape Hatteras. | S. W. | 15 | Clear. | Light S. E. |
| Kittyhawk. | S. W. | 20 | Clear. | Light E. |
| Cape Henry. | S. W. | 21 | Clear. | Light S. E. |
| Norfolk. | S. W. | 20 | Clear. | |
| Cape May. | S. W. | 20 | Clear. | |
| Cape Lookout. | S. W. | 14 | Clear. | Light S. E. |
| Anastasia City. | S. W. | 16 | Clear. | Light S. E. |
| Barnegat. | S. W. | 13 | Clear. | Short S. |
| Sandy Hook. | W. | 11 | Fair. | Light E. |

THE WEATHER TO-DAY.—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., Thursday, October 29, 1 A. M.—Indications.—For the Middle States, warmer south to west winds, and clear or fair weather during the day, followed by colder northwest winds and rising barometer by Friday morning. For the South Atlantic States, slightly warmer, clear or fair weather, south to west winds, and slight changes in barometer.

LOCAL REPORT: OCTOBER 29, 1878, BALTIMORE.

| | 12 M. | 1 P.M. | 4 P.M. | 8 P.M. | 9 P.M. |
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| 12 M. | SW | SW | SW | SW | SW |
| 1 P.M. | SW | SW | SW | SW | SW |
| 4 P.M. | SW | SW | SW | SW | SW |
| 8 P.M. | SW | SW | SW | SW | SW |
| 9 P.M. | SW | SW | SW | SW | SW |

Mean barometer..... 29.120 Max. temperature..... 64
 Mean thermometer..... 51.5 Min. temperature..... 43
 Highest velocity of winds to-day, nor east hour, 12 miles.

Midnight Report.—Boston, 54, clear; Brockton, 54, clear; Buffalo, 54, clear; Chicago, 54, clear; Cleveland, 54, clear; Cheyenne, 54, cloudy; Duluth, 54, fair; Detroit, 54, clear; La Crosse, 54, fair; Milwaukee, 54, cloudy; Marquette, 54, light snow; N. York, 54, clear; Oswego, 54, fair; Port Huron, 54, clear; Saint Paul, 54, clear; Toledo, 54, cloudy; Yankton, 54, fair.

Friends' Yearly Meeting.—There were public meetings yesterday morning at the Lombard Street and Almquist Street Meeting Houses. Among the speakers were Martha E. Travilla, of West Chester, Pa.; Oliver Evans, Philadelphia; Darlington Hoopes, Harford county; Trissville Fouille, Indiana; Ann Facker, Ohio. The meetings were largely attended, many of other religious persuasions being present. Afternoon business was resumed by taking up answers to the sixth stated query, which relates to a paid ministry, military service, dealing in prize goods and lotteries, and clandestine trade. The answers generally showed that the "testimony" was maintained. Some of the reports showed a deficiency in that relating to a paid ministry. Answers to the seventh query indicated that Friends were careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage; that they were generally just in their dealings and punctual in complying with their engagements. The eighth query refers to their testimony against oppression in all its forms, which is reported to be maintained; also that children in Friends' families are provided for and instructed in useful learning. This query also refers to a solicitude to prevent cruelty to children and to animals. The summary answer to the ninth query shows that care is taken to deal with offenders in accordance with the Discipline, although delays sometimes occur, one report acknowledging a deficiency in this respect. The tenth query calls for names of deceased ministers and elders during the year, which were returned as follows: Joseph Branson and Archibald Robinson, Hopewell, Va.; David Pyle, Deer Creek, Md.; Elizabeth Garrison, of Centre Quarterly Meeting; George Hewitt, McAllan, Pa.; John A. Blackburn, Dunning's Creek, Pa.; Mary B. Needles and Gerard H. Reese, Baltimore. Responses to the eleventh query showed that no new meetings had been settled during the year. Answers to the twelfth query show that Friends are careful to place their children for tuition under the care of suitable teachers in membership in the society. A number of reports from standing and special committees were read. The committee on education had two meetings during the year, and report much interest in several country neighborhoods. Several new schools are taught by members, but not under the official care of the society. A school has lately been started at Gunpowder Meeting House, Baltimore county, which is under the care of a committee appointed by that meeting. A school had also been established in East Nottingham. A report from the committee having in charge the invested "Fair Hill" school fund showed receipts \$1,000, paid out \$1,275, the excess being accumulated interest. The name of Darlington Hoopes was placed on the committee in lieu of Gerard H. Reese, deceased. The nominating committee appointed to bring in names of a representative (or executive) committee to serve the ensuing year submitted the names of more than seventy persons. This is a joint committee of men and women, and those on it living in Baltimore are: Thos. H. Matthews, Joe. Matthews, E. Stabler, Jr., Sam'l Townsend, Henry Janney, T. B. Hull, William Wood, Edwin Blackburn, R. Anna McPherson, Lydia C. Stabler, Louise Powell. A committee appointed last year on the new meeting house in Washington, D. C., reported that the old building had been razed, and a new one was under contract, to be finished and furnished by the first of the next year. Congress had relieved the church from taxation. The report says the house will be to future generations an evidence of the zeal, liberality and energy of Friends of the present day. The lot is 80 by 130 feet, and the house, which is of brick, is 80 by 40 feet, and placed in the centre of the lot.

Friends' Fists of Temperance and Political Duty.—A temperance meeting, under the auspices of the Yearly Meeting of Friends, was held last night at the Lombard Street Meeting House, continuing two and a half hours. Wm. M. Way said the first temperance movement of which there is any record was the testament against the sale of liquor to the Indians, issued in the year 1667, and to be found among the minutes of Middletown monthly meeting. This testament declared that it was contrary to the mind of God and a disonor to the fruit to sell liquor to the Indians. A testament was also made against the manufacture and sale of liquor by an early Philadelphia quarterly meeting. Formerly it was not unusual to furnish liquor to drink at monthly meetings. It was common once for Friends, like other people, to furnish liquor at vendues. It excited the company and they bid more spiritedly. Yet we speak of the superiority in virtue of our fathers; and it is true, for every age must be judged by the light it had. No doubt our ancestors were more faithful according to their lights than we are according to our light. It was once thought that there was no alcohol in fermented liquors, but only in distilled liquors. They had not learned that there is not a drop of alcohol in distillation except what comes from fermentation; not a drop of alcohol in any fruit or production of nature. Alcohol comes from fermentation; it is the result of decay and decomposition. This question has a moral side, a religious side, a social and a political side—that politics which is the science of government. No member of the community can escape his share of the responsibility of government. If the government consists of one man he is responsible for all, if of many, each one must bear a share of responsibility.

Rush S. Roberts, of Sandy Spring, said they must join in the great reform movements of the times, and must throw sectarianism aside.

Howard Bean said he had been a teetotaler 12 years, and he had resolved never to vote for any man who would not pledge himself for temperance. He would not even deal with a grocer if he knew he sold liquor.

Eli M. Lamb said some had an idea that the primary meetings were too low for them to attend. Every American citizen should vote. No one ought to be excused on the ground that the primaries are low. Every man is responsible for the 2,000 saloons in Baltimore city. He had seen much of the evil effects of intemperance of parents on the young.

Mrs. Dr. J. Carey Thomas, David M. Branson, of Virginia, Thomas Folk, of Philadelphia, Sarah Tudor and others spoke on the subject. David M. Branson said he was a prohibitionist, but if that will not do let us have a local option. Some of the speakers referred particularly to the duty of inculcating temperance in childhood.

Damages for Collision and Drowning.—In the United States District Court yesterday Judge Morris filed his opinion in the libel of Clarence Hollyday against the steamer David Reeve, for damages for collision with the yacht Curlew last August, and for the drowning of Newton B. Keene, who was in his 19th year, for which his mother, Mrs. Anna E. Keene, sued. The Reeves is owned by Messrs. McClellan, of Philadelphia. The collision occurred at night, in the Chesapeake bay, off Love Point. The Judge finds the steamer was in fault, not having a proper lookout. Young Keene fell overboard in the shock of the collision. The injury to the yacht was small, and \$750 was allowed for that. Nothing was allowed, though damages were claimed, for the distress, fright or mental suffering of Mr. Hollyday. The pecuniary value of young Keene's services had he lived until he was 21 years old was the basis of the damages allowed Mrs. Keene, and that was fixed at \$200.

A New British Bark, called the Owance, a handsome vessel, with all the latest improvements in marine construction, arrived here yesterday with 800 tons of foreign pig iron, making the imports of that article 5,000 tons this week. The custom-house authorities have had some difficulty in disposing of the iron in bonded warehouses until the importers are ready to ship it to Pittsburg and Connellsville railroad. The freight traffic of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville railroad is temporarily interrupted by the Pitterton tunnel fire, which causes delay in handling goods.

Precedent Note Dated on Sunday.—In the case of Laffalva Koch, the payment of a promissory note was resisted yesterday, in the Court of Common Pleas, in part because it was alleged to have been executed on a Sunday, on which it bore date. A witness, however, testified that it was executed on a week day, and the jury, concluding the date to be a mistake, gave a verdict for the holder of the note for \$100 in.

United States Jury.—The petit jury for the United States Circuit Court, November term, commencing next Monday, 3d proximo, was drawn yesterday by Marshal McCloskey from the box into which 600 names had been placed by the commissioner, J. Paris Moore, and the clerk, James W. Chew. The jury are: Joe. Beading, John Stirling, Somerset county; Wm. Pertina, Kent county; D. N. Newcomer, Washington county; John P. Dee Forrester, Frank Albert, John Duer, Conrad Günther, Alexander Shaw, K. W. Chase, Lambert M. Hopkins, John H. Brown, Wm. F. Clark, Ira C. Canfield, Chas. H. Colladay, Charles F. Marrow, Eugene F. Bantz, L. Allen Lawson, George W. Donaldson, Joseph T. Cameron, John Moore, Baltimore city; John H. Steinmetz, Montgomery county. This is the second drawing under the law recently passed by Congress, the first having been for the District Court jury. The law has so far resulted in giving the court better juries than ever before.

Decisions in Grain.—The grain markets of Baltimore again sharply declined yesterday. Wheat on the spot was quoted at \$1.30, for November delivery \$1.22, and for December \$1.40 to \$1.40 1/2. These figures are some 20 cents a bushel lower than the prices of about two weeks ago. Corn was lower and dull. Europe does not respond to the lower prices here, and seems to be waiting for still better terms. The fact that wheat for December delivery is quoted 10 cents a bushel higher than that on the spot is accepted as showing that the prices are made to meet the advanced elevator storage rates. The exports of wheat yesterday were only 104,540 bushels and 1,234 bushels corn. Stocks of grain in elevators were 2,500,000 bushels. The movement of wheat from the West has been checked, and the Chicago elevators contain over 4,000,000 bushels.

Redeeming a Grained Head.—A deed has been recorded conveying the ground in fee to Archbishop Gibbons and his successors on which is built the female school of St. Vincent's parish, No. 21 East Fayette street. The deed is signed by George W. Dobbins, executor of the will of Thomas Murphy, deceased, and the purchase price was \$4,000 in gold, which was raised by means of a sinking fund established by the pastor, Rev. E. Didier, two years ago. The church has been paying \$240 a year ground rent on this lot for the last fourteen years. The ground rent became redeemable only since May last, and for three years after which the option would cease. Mr. Didier has taken advantage of the interval to secure the benefit of ownership in fee, at an annual saving to the parish of the rental heretofore paid.

Fatal Accident.—Louis Schultz, aged 27 years, baker, No. 61 Druid Hill avenue, yesterday fell from the platform of a car on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad while it was passing Carroll Switch, and was run over by a succeeding car. Both legs were crushed just above the ankles. The train from which he fell was due at Camden Station at 6:30 P. M., but was a few minutes behind time. He was taken up by a train which followed and was carried to Mount Clare Station, where he was seen by Dr. J. W. Walls and sent to the Maryland University Hospital, but he died there a few minutes after his arrival. Mr. Schultz leaves a wife and two children, the elder being only three years of age. His wife is in a very delicate condition, and the shock may prove serious.

Athletic.—The Baltimore Athletic Club a day or two ago proposed that an exhibition game of lacrosse should be played on the grounds during the national fair at Washington, by two teams of players selected from the club. Yesterday Mr. Joseph Pennington, secretary of the club, received a letter from a committee of the fair association, regretting that upon measurement the grounds were too limited to admit of the game being played upon them. A number of members of the Athletic Club will, however, visit Washington on Saturday to take part in the contests of jumping, running, &c., at the fair, and it is expected that a full team of the club will enter for the "tug of war."

The Hebrew Ladies' Sewing Society met last night at their rooms, in Covenant Hall, corner Howard and Lexington streets, and made their first distribution of clothing this season to needy Israelites. A number of applicants, men, women and children, were supplied liberally. An additional department has been added to instruct children of the poor in sewing. The officers of the society are as follows: President, Mrs. B. Wiesenfeld; vice-president, Mrs. B. H. Ulman; secretary, Mrs. S. F. Ulman; manager, Mr. Goody Rowsefeld; managers, Mrs. Simon Frank, Mrs. Jane Neuhoff, Mrs. S. H. Auerbach, Mrs. Isaac Metzger, Mrs. S. Schoolherr. The society holds weekly meetings during the fall and winter.

Patents.—The following, among other patents dated October 29, were issued from the Patent Office at Washington yesterday to persons in this city and neighborhood: Baltimore—C. Calvert Egerton, assignor in part to W. Canby, Baltimore county, and B. G. Harris, Baltimore city, hub attaching device; Ferdinand Lautenbach, tubular washer; Abner N. Verby, elevator and bath. Maryland—John Walker, Woodberry, Md., shaft coupling; Washington—Chas. T. Wright, combined liquor measure and funnel; Pascal Plant, curiosities; Antonio Pelletier, concrete pavement; John W. Bodier, waiter for pitchers. Virginia—John Crimshaw, Richmond, Va., plow. West Va.—Thos. Howell, Morgantown, lightning jack.

Ladies' Auxiliary Christian Association.—A largely attended meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Young Men's Christian Association was held yesterday. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Eugene Levering; vice-president, Mrs. James Carey Thomas; Mrs. W. W. Speare, Mrs. Wm. H. Parrot; treasurer, Mrs. H. A. Wright; secretary, Miss J. M. Cross; managers, Mrs. J. F. Dix, Mrs. A. L. Webb, Miss C. Bond, Mrs. Alan P. Smith, Mrs. Edgeworth Bird, Mrs. Francis Crook, Mrs. Francis White. A committee from the Young Men's Christian Association to co-operate with the ladies' association comprises John Levering, John M. Cross, J. V. L. Graham, W. L. Stork, B. W. Jenkins, Dr. J. C. Thomas.

Surprise Visits.—Special agents from the United States internal revenue department at Washington have for some days been paying surprise visits to Baltimore retail dealers in liquors, tobacco and cigars, to see if the stamps on packages have been properly canceled. Where this has not been properly done fines of \$10 for each omission, it is understood, have been levied. In one instance, it was stated, \$100 was imposed, and in another \$20. The omissions in nearly every case occur from lack of knowledge as to the exact manner in which stamps of different classes should be mutilated. These visits are paid about once a year.

Appraised.—Mayor Latrobe yesterday signed the following ordinances and resolutions: For the inspection of illuminating gas and coal oil and providing for an inspector of the same; repealing section 10, article 32, City Code, title amendments, and re-enacting the same with section 22, article 32, City Code, title markets, subtitle stands; asking for certain powers from the General Assembly at its next session; to construct a sewer from Bath and Holliday streets to Jones's falls; to repeal resolution No. 171, approved April 31, 1879; allowing Frederick Buscher, John F. Vogt, W. A. Bowman and W. F. Harris to erect barbers poles.

The Baltimore Postoffice.—Mr. J. M. McGraw, sixth auditor of the treasury, who has charge of the settlement of all the mail and postoffice accounts of the country, was in Baltimore on Tuesday, and called on Gen. E. B. Tyler at the postoffice. He paid the compliment to the Baltimore postoffice and to Gen. Tyler, its postmaster, of saying that it ranks all others for the promptness and correctness with which all the accounts are rendered, and he said all the details of general management are always found to be satisfactory. October 1 all the accounts of the office with the government were balanced to the cent.

West Point (Va.) Fire.—Mr. Reuben Foster, of Baltimore, superintendent of the Richmond and York River line, yesterday received dispatches giving particulars of the fire at West Point, Va., on Tuesday night, by which a quantity of cotton was destroyed. The agent at West Point reported as follows: "About 250 bales of New York cotton were burned. No injury occurred to the sheds and very little to the open wharf between the Baltimore and Boston tracks." The Baltimore steamship Lucile was at West Point and rendered service in extinguishing the fire.

Dangerous Obstruction.—Collector Thomas has received information from Thomas J. K. Jones, collector of the port of Annapolis, that the Baltimore schooner Narcissa, with 160 tons of coal which was sunk last Thursday night, is a dangerous obstruction to vessels going into Annapolis. The deck of the vessel is about three feet under water, masts gone, and there is nothing to indicate the locality, which is on a line due east from Greenbury's Point buoy. Collector Thomas notified the light-house inspector's department, and the wreck will be marked.

Found Dead.—Jacob Wagener, boarding at No. 333 South Bond street, was found yesterday afternoon lying dead on the floor of his room. Coroner Ireland made an investigation, and decided that death had been caused by heart disease. Wagener was a stevedore at the Patapsco guano works, on Philpot street. He had been sick for some time, and for two days past had been confined to the house, but had not been attended by a physician. His remains were given in charge to his relatives for burial.

Olive Branch Lodge of Good Templars.—Elected F. B. Landrum chief templar, and other officers. John W. Snow, Mr. Landrum and Wm. H. Lamphier were elected delegates to the Grand Lodge.